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No. 32

Introduced by Assembly Member Fuller

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An act to amend Section 48800 of, and to add Section 48800.1 to, the Education Code, relating to career technical education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 32, as amended, Fuller. Career technical education: work certification training.

(1) Existing law requires school districts to adopt a course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, that includes, among other things, career technical education.

~~Existing law authorizes the~~

The governing board of a school district is permitted to authorize pupils, with parental permission, who would benefit from advanced scholastic or vocational work, to attend community college as special part-time students to undertake one or more courses of instruction at the community college level, in order to provide educational enrichment opportunities for a limited number of eligible pupils.

Existing law provides for the establishment of partnership academies by participating school districts as “schools within a school” and as

state-school-private sector partnerships that provide combined academic and occupational training to high school pupils who present a high risk of dropping out of school.

~~Existing law authorizes the~~

The county superintendent of schools of each county, with the consent of the State Board of Education, is authorized to establish and maintain at least one regional occupational center, or regional occupational program, in the county to provide education and training in career technical courses. ~~Existing law requires the~~ *The governing board of a regional occupational center or program is required to ensure that at least 90% of all state-funded courses offered by the center or program are part of occupational course sequences that target high-skill occupations that are in demand and to establish and maintain an employer advisory board or boards.*

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to provide, within the public school system, work certification training options to pupils who are between the ages of 16 and 18 years, have passed the high school exit examination, and have the consent of their parents or guardians, with particular emphasis on job specific skilled labor and technical training.

The bill would authorize a pupil enrolled in at least 3 high school courses to enroll also in a community college for the purpose of taking career and technical education classes leading to work certification if the class is ~~not offered~~ *available* at the pupil's high school of attendance or a regional occupational center or program in which the pupil is eligible to enroll and the pupil has parental permission. To the extent that this authorization would require school districts and community colleges to assume new duties, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to provide, within
2 the public school system, work certification training options to
3 pupils who are between the ages of 16 and 18 years, have passed
4 the high school exit examination, and have the consent of their
5 parents or guardians, with particular emphasis on job specific
6 skilled labor and technical training.

7 SEC. 2. Section 48800 of the Education Code is amended to
8 read:

9 48800. (a) The governing board of a school district may
10 determine which pupils would benefit from advanced scholastic
11 work. The intent of this section is to provide educational
12 enrichment opportunities for a limited number of eligible pupils,
13 rather than to reduce current course requirements of elementary
14 and secondary schools, and also to help ensure a smoother
15 transition from high school to college for pupils by providing them
16 with greater exposure to the collegiate atmosphere. The governing
17 board may authorize those pupils, upon recommendation of the
18 principal of the pupil's school of attendance, and with parental
19 consent, to attend a community college during any session or term
20 as special part-time or full-time students and to undertake one or
21 more courses of instruction ~~offered~~ *available* at the community
22 college level.

23 (b) If the governing board denies a request for a special part-time
24 or full-time enrollment at a community college for any session or
25 term for a pupil who is identified as highly gifted, the board shall
26 issue its written recommendation and the reasons for the denial
27 within 60 days. The written recommendation and denial shall be
28 issued at the next regularly scheduled board meeting that falls at
29 least 30 days after the request has been submitted.

30 (c) A pupil shall receive credit for community college courses
31 that he or she completes at the level determined appropriate by the
32 school district and community college district governing boards.

33 (d) (1) The principal of a school may recommend a pupil for
34 community college summer session only if that pupil meets all of
35 the following criteria:

36 (A) Demonstrates adequate preparation in the discipline to be
37 studied.

1 (B) Exhausts all opportunities to enroll in an equivalent course,
2 if any, at his or her school of attendance.

3 (2) For any particular grade level, a principal ~~may~~ *shall* not
4 recommend for community college summer session attendance
5 more than 5 percent of the total number of pupils who completed
6 that grade immediately prior to the time of recommendation.

7 (3) A high school pupil recommended by his or her principal
8 for enrollment in a course shall not be included in the 5-percent
9 limitation of pupils allowed to be recommended pursuant to
10 paragraph (2) if the course in which the pupil is enrolled meets
11 one of the criterion listed in subparagraphs (A) and (B) and the
12 high school principal who recommends the pupil for enrollment
13 provides the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges,
14 upon the request of that office, with the data required for purposes
15 of paragraph (4).

16 (A) The course is a lower division, college-level course for
17 credit that is designated as part of the Intersegmental General
18 Education Transfer Curriculum or applies toward the general
19 education breadth requirements of the California State University.

20 (B) The course is necessary to assist a pupil who has not passed
21 the California high school exit examination (CAHSEE), does not
22 offer college credit in English language arts or mathematics, and
23 the pupil meets both of the following requirements:

24 (i) The pupil is in his or her senior year.

25 (ii) The pupil has completed all other graduation requirements
26 prior to the end of his or her senior year, or will complete all
27 remaining graduation requirements during a community college
28 summer session, which he or she is recommended to enroll in,
29 following his or her senior year of high school.

30 (4) On or before November 1, 2007, and on or before January
31 1 of each year thereafter, the Chancellor of the California
32 Community Colleges shall report to the Department of Finance
33 the number of pupils recommended pursuant to paragraph (3) who
34 enroll in community college summer session courses and who
35 receive a passing grade.

36 (5) The Board of Governors of the California Community
37 Colleges ~~may~~ *shall* not include enrollment growth attributable to
38 paragraph (3) as part of its annual budget request for the California
39 Community Colleges.

1 (6) Notwithstanding Article 3 (commencing with Section 33050)
2 of Chapter 1 of Part 20, compliance with this subdivision ~~may~~
3 *shall* not be waived.

4 (e) Paragraphs (3), (4), and (5) of subdivision (d) shall become
5 inoperative on January 1, 2009.

6 SEC. 3. Section 48800.1 is added to the Education Code, to
7 read:

8 48800.1. (a) Notwithstanding Section 48800, a pupil enrolled
9 in at least three high school courses may also enroll in a community
10 college for the purpose of taking career and technical education
11 classes leading to work certification if the following requirements
12 are met:

13 (1) The career technical education class is not ~~offered~~ *available*
14 at the pupil's high school of attendance or a regional occupational
15 center or program in which the pupil is eligible to enroll.

16 (2) The pupil has parental permission.

17 (b) The community college shall give enrollment priority to
18 high school pupils who wish to attend career technical courses
19 ~~offered available~~ in the afternoon.

20 (c) A pupil shall receive high school credit for community
21 college courses that he or she completes at the level determined
22 appropriate by the school district and community college district
23 governing boards.

24 (d) The Board of Governors of the California Community
25 Colleges ~~may~~ *shall* not include enrollment growth attributable to
26 a high school pupil enrolled pursuant to this section as part of its
27 annual budget request for the California Community Colleges.

28 (e) Notwithstanding Article 3 (commencing with Section 33050)
29 of Chapter 1 of Part 20, compliance with this section ~~may~~ *shall*
30 not be waived.

31 SEC. 4. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
32 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
33 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
34 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
35 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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